

Collision Sets "L" Train Afire, Injuring Eleven

Firemen Rescue Passengers
Trapped in Blazing Third
Avenue Car

Accident Blocks Traffic

Danger and Difficulty Are In-
creased by Icy Coating
of Structure

Wooden cars of a Harlem-bound Third Avenue local elevated train were shattered and one was set afire yesterday, when they were rammed from behind by an empty express train of steel coaches at Fifty-sixth Street. The local was crowded and ten of the passengers were injured, one of them seriously, and the motorman of the express train was also hurt. If the cars of the local had been of steel, instead of the more flimsy material, the damage probably would have been comparatively light.

The blazing rear car of the local and the ice-covered elevated structure added to the fright of the passengers, who were taken to the street on ladders erected by firemen. Traffic was blocked for several hours.

The rear car of the local took fire immediately after the collision. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze and rescued the injured and the frightened women. Motorman Richard Loughhead, of the express, was imprisoned in his box for twenty minutes. Firemen battled through smoke and flames to rescue him, excepting a badly lacerated right leg and a few minor burns, he was uninjured.

Patrick Dunn, forty-five years old, a broker, of 1957 Lexington Avenue, was taken to Flower Hospital, suffering from three broken ribs. He was seriously injured, but he will recover. John J. Cronin, of 3360 Fort Independence Avenue, a patrolman assigned to Police Headquarters, suffered a fractured neck and a broken arm.

Failure of the brakes of the heavy express train to work promptly caused the accident, according to Loughhead. The local which the empty express was following, stopped abruptly, resulting in the crash. H. Simmons, of 1105 Crotona Park North, motorman of the local, said he was forced to stop because another uptown train was discharging passengers at Fifty-ninth Street.

The rear car of the local was demolished. The first car of the express ploughed through it, but, being made of steel, like the subway trains, was not damaged.

After questioning Motorman Loughhead and Simmons, the police exonerated them from all responsibility. The Interborough also regards the smash as an accident. Loughhead has been a motorman for nine years.

For several hours uptown traffic on the Third Avenue line was suspended. Trains for Harlem and The Bronx were sent over the Second Avenue branch.

For half an hour after the crash downtown Third Avenue traffic was halted. The Third Avenue subway cars were also tied up for a like period.

Coler Plays "Peanut Politics," Says Howe

Buck's Removal Unjust, Says
Ex-Deputy Commissioner
of Charities

"Peanut politics is to be made the guide for every public action of the present city administration."

That was the declaration of Stanley H. Howe, former Deputy Commissioner of Charities, yesterday in denouncing the removal of William B. Buck as director of Sea View Farms, Staten Island, by Commissioner Bird S. Coler, of the Department of Charities. He declared that the charges against the director of the city's "poor farm" were most trivial and that a serious injustice had been done against a competent city employee.

"Not a word in Commissioner Coler's charges about the welfare of the sick, about the condition of the food, about the death rate, about the nursing care, about the manner of treatment of the old married couples who live contentedly in the cottages," said Mr. Howe.

"Not a word about the improvement among the tuberculosis patients, not a word about the extension of medical service to the old people, not a word about the food for the inmate workers, not a word about the economies brought about by consolidating the garbage, laundry and the storehouses of the colonies. The humane service performed in this institution by Mr. Buck and his assistants is forgotten. He must give up this work, for which his whole life's experience and training have equipped him."

Mr. Buck, a civil service appointee of the Mitchell administration, was removed by Commissioner Coler yesterday after a star chamber hearing on minor charges.

Without mentioning Mr. Buck's name, the medical board of Sea View Hospital yesterday passed resolutions approving of his removal by Commissioner Coler.

Police Custodian Restored

Lieutenant William ("Bull") McCarthy, who succeeded Commissioner Richard E. Enright as head of the Police Lieutenants' Benevolent Association, was made custodian of the Manhattan and Brooklyn Headquarters buildings yesterday. Former Commissioner Woods abolished the position of Headquarters custodian, and transferred McCarthy to desk duty at Richmond Hill, where he was working when news reached him yesterday.

McCarthy held the Headquarters assignment for ten years before the former Commissioner decided that the duties of the Headquarters chief engineer could be performed by the chief engineer.

Queen of the Belgians

Thanks Dr. Anna H. Shaw

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Queen of the Belgians has cabled Dr. Anna H. Shaw, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, thanking her for a telegram expressing the gratitude of the Belgian people for the humanitarian services rendered by the Queen and women of Belgium to the cause of freedom and civilization.

"Such a proof of sympathy for suffering Belgium will be of the greatest comfort to those in distress," said the Queen's message.

His Canadian Chum And Money Vanish

Roegland Gets New Outfit and
British Authorities Seek
Missing Soldier

After a night of good cheer spent in the company of a jovial Canadian soldier, Albert S. Roegland woke up yesterday afternoon in a room in the Eastern Hotel, on Whitehall Street, to find himself alone with a Canadian uniform and a headache. His companion had departed, as had all his clothes, in the pockets of which were a passport and \$70.

In great perturbation of spirit Roegland roamed the streets and considered his situation. He could not report for work on his oil large in a Canadian uniform, and at every step he was fearful of being arrested as a deserter or summoned before a court martial for failing to salute the right men.

At last he took his trouble to head-quarters, and a detective was sent with him to the headquarters of the British Recruiting Mission. There Roegland considered the embarrassing five minutes, while officers, who waited for him to explain, demanded why he did not salute, why his cap was on his hindside foremost, why he had buckled his belt wrong, why he wore a Canadian uniform, and what under the sun he had been trying to do with his suitcase. When the detective explained the situation, Roegland was sent to the office of the British Consul, who supplied him with an entire new outfit from head to foot and made careful note of the name seen in the Canadian uniform.

Enright Order Abolishes 2 More Police Details

"Honest" Dan Costigan Is
Also Deprived of Two
of His Aids

Police Commissioner Enright yesterday continued his reorganization of the department by abolishing the social welfare squad and the temporary detail of 262 policemen in plainclothes duty, both past organizations of ex-Deputy Commissioner Arthur Woods.

The social welfare squad was formed for the purpose of teaching foreign-born residents that the police are not enemies, but their friends. The eighty men who composed it were assigned to patrol duty yesterday.

From now on Ellen O'Grady, Fifth Deputy Commissioner, will have charge of this work, which will be carried on under her direction by lieutenants and sergeants past the retiring age. Captain McGrath, former head of the squad, may be assigned to Deputy Commissioner O'Grady's office to assist her.

The detail of plainclothes men eliminated by Commissioner Enright was called by Mr. Woods "crime prevention officers." Their work was a modification of the old watchman system, in which twenty-two of them would go back into uniform. The remainder will be assigned to the Detective Bureau.

The Police Commissioner transferred Sergeant Floyd Horton and Detective Patrick Donnelly from the staff of Inspector "Honest Dan" Costigan to precincts, convincing Headquarters that Inspector Costigan's days are numbered under the new regime.

It was pointed out that having assigned Costigan to do two men's work in heading the vice squad and commanding the First Inspection District at the same time, Commissioner Enright had paved the way for his reduction on the ground of incapacity. With the additional handicap of the loss of two of his right hand men, Costigan's position would become intolerable, it was said.

Horton had been a tower of strength in the vice squad since its organization and was particularly useful in investigating charges of dishonesty made against policemen. He was sent to the Fifth Street police station, in Brooklyn.

Donnelly had worked with Costigan for years, recently as a member of the "hotel squad." His assignment to the West Forty-seventh Street police station in uniform carries with it a reduction in pay of \$900 a year.

Parole Commission Called Extravagant

A committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association, which was appointed to consider the advisability of extending the provisions of the indeterminate sentence law and the jurisdiction of the Parole Commission to all felonies save those involving capital punishment, has reported against the proposal and expresses doubt that the city is getting the worth of its money from the Parole Commission. The report, which was made public yesterday, says:

"The budget for the ensuing year, as your committee is advised, contains items in large amounts covering the salaries of the regular employees of the commission alone are to exceed \$96,000. Your committee is firmly convinced that the city and community at large do not receive any adequate return for this large outlay."

By far the greater number of General Sessions judges opposed the idea, and while the members of the commission reached the conclusion that even with its present powers the commission infringed upon the functions of the judiciary and was inclined to constitute itself a kind of appellate court. The committee further stated that the present indeterminate sentence law as applied to felonies accomplished virtually the same ends as would be served by the extension of the law of 1915, although the responsibility was in the hands of the courts instead of in those of the Parole Commission.

Herbert R. Limburg is chairman of the committee. Other members are Peter R. Galt, Francis D. Gallatin and Jeremiah T. Mahoney.

Ex-Justice Garretson Named Referee for Life

Justice Garrett J. Garretson, of Elmhurst, L. I., who retired December 21 from the Supreme Court bench, has been appointed official referee by the Appellate Division for the remainder of his life.

Before his election to the Supreme Court, Justice Garretson served for six years as county judge of Queens. He is now establishing offices in the Queens Plaza Court Building.

Benefit for Foundlings

For the first time in its forty-eight years the New York Foundling Asylum finds it necessary to raise funds by a benefit performance. The concert, which will take place at the Manhattan Opera House this evening, among those who will appear are Leo Dietrichstein, Grace La Rue, May Naudin, Leo Arrillaga, Frances Nash, Alice Barker, France, White and William Rock. Cardinal Farley is a boxholder.

Five Die in Blaze, Four Are Injured; Cat Saves 5 Lives

No Fire Escapes on De-
stroyed Pearl Street
Lodging House

Animal Awakens Child

Firemen Use Scaling Ladder
to Rescue Persons Over-
come by Smoke

A woman and four men were burned to death yesterday morning in a fire which swept through an old-time saloon's lodging house at 1 Peck Slip. The four-story structure was without fire escapes, and the flames swept the stairs from a wood bin in the cellar, cutting off the exit of most of the occupants. Those killed were the proprietor and his wife, an oyster opener, and two unidentified Polish seamen. Four men are in Ventnor Hospital seriously injured, three of them by jumping from windows and one by inhaling smoke. A dozen others, who were slightly injured by jumping, were treated at the hospital.

The fire was discovered by John Sigel, who had a room on the second floor with his wife and three children. About a week ago, Sigel helped his wife and children brought home a stray cat that was half dead from cold. The Sigels promptly included the waif in their household, and it saved their lives yesterday.

Cat Among the Rescued
Its persistent wails awoke Sigel, who got up grumblingly and opened the door into the hall to let the cat out. Flames filled the hallway and were seeping up the stairs. Sigel helped his family out a window to the roof of a fruit stand, the cat, tightly clasped in the arms of one of the children, being among the first rescued. Then he yelled an alarm, which aroused other occupants of the house and caused a passer-by to turn in a fire alarm.

When the firemen arrived several unconscious forms lay on the sidewalk beneath the lodging house windows. The building also fronts on Pearl Street, and Fireman M. J. O'Donohue, of Hook and Ladder 10, took his scaling ladder to a second-story window of the adjoining building at 314 Pearl Street, whence he swung across to a window of the lodging house and brought down several persons. Firemen Morris and Mulvaney also rescued persons brought out others who had been overcome by smoke.

The building was completely burned out. The damage was not estimated. An inquiry into the cause of the fire is under way.

List of Dead and Injured

The dead are:
RUSSELL, CASPER, fifty years old, proprietor of the boarding house.
RUSSELL, Mrs., his wife, forty-five years old.

BENNETT, CHARLES, sixty, an oyster opener, employed in Fulton Market.
Unknown sailor, about forty-six years old.
Unknown sailor, about forty-two years old.

The following were removed to the Volunteer Hospital:
Otto Riedel, thirty-four, an Austrian sailor, suffering from a fractured skull and fracture of both legs; Anselmo Fernand, twenty-five, a cook, left leg broken, right knee dislocated and internal injuries; Richard Antello, twenty-three, seaman, laceration of left arm, shock and internal injuries.

These three persons received their injuries by jumping from windows on the third floor to the street. John Degrot, fifty, a watchman, also suffering from shock and overcome by smoke, was removed to Volunteer Hospital.

Drug Evil Diminishing, Says Justice Collins

Report on State Conditions

Urges Laws to Curb
Doctors

BUFFALO, Feb. 9.—The drug evil in New York State is diminishing, but dishonest physicians are still able under the present law to furnish considerable quantities of narcotics to addicts, Justice Cornelius Collins, of the Court of Special Sessions, New York City, told the State Conference of Justices and Magistrates here today. He made this statement in his report as chairman of a special committee on the drug evil.

"Although the Whitney bill did not contain all the recommendations we believed absolutely necessary, a marked improvement was accomplished," said Justice Collins. "Peddling of narcotics in the underworld is largely under control, and its malevolence with its incidental anti-social propensities checked materially."

"An unfortunate condition, however, prevails with regard to promiscuous distribution by some unprincipled physicians who have made a business of prescribing for drug addiction, and do so, not as was intended for the purpose of alleviating distress with the intention of effecting a cure of the addict, but rather to keep the unfortunate supplied and to reap dishonest profits."

"The existing law in the state is insufficient, too, in checking the addict seeking a supply from physicians. The abuse of power on the part of some dishonest physicians, happily few in number, became so rampant that the Federal officers who had greater scope of legal authority than municipal or state, raided some establishments and disclosed a deplorable condition."

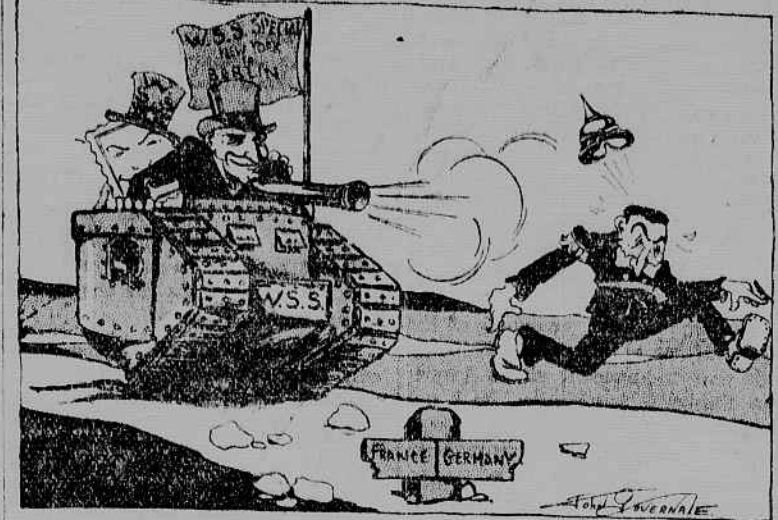
14 Cornell Students In Court for Hazing

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Charged with having hazed Morris Scherago, of Brooklyn, and Joseph Reinstein, of Manhattan, fourteen upper class men of the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University were arraigned in police court here today.

Scherago and Reinstein, who are in the junior class, alleged that the other students assaulted them in the clinic rooms of the college last Tuesday and shaved off their mustaches, and also claimed the attack was due to racial prejudice. Their counsel told the magistrate that they had left the university because of the humiliation the occurrence had caused them.

All of the defendants pleaded not guilty and demanded jury trials, which were set for next Thursday. The accused students are:
D. Snow, Central Square; D. A. Boardman, Springville; E. P. Hest, Jeffersonville; W. E. Groy, Plattsburgh; M. F. Whitmore, Addison; P. R. Houghton, Fineview; H. P. Wynne and L. D. Brunner, Binghamton; A. K. Sellner and A. J. Tarr, Waterloo; H. F. Fleming, Walden; B. B. Loveland, Franklin; W. A. Brunson, Moons, and E. C. Stafford, Cortland.

Searchlight Focussed on Thrift Stamps By Light, Heat and Power Companies



Plans to throw new searchlights of publicity on the war savings stamps campaign were yesterday formulated at a lunch of the officers and managers of the light, heat and power companies of New York at the Engineers' Club.

Already the lighting trades, it was announced, have opened sales agencies in all their branches, having the distinction of being the first trade to do so. Frank W. Smith, vice-president and general manager of the United Electric Light and Power Company, who presided, declared that the industries represented at the meeting would dispose of \$1,500,000 worth of stamps to their employees and customers this year.

The companies have put out two posters—one directed to attract their customers and the other for their employees. The billboards owned by the lighting companies are soon to be decorated with war savings displays. The campaign will be focused on the consumer through the medium of billboards and pamphlets.

Those present at the dinner included W. Ward Smith, vice-chairman of the trades division of the War Savings Committee; Finley Peter Dunne, chairman of the publicity committee; Arthur H. Ham, manager of the War Savings Societies Bureau; E. R. Barnit, assistant secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company; C. G. N. Thomas, treasurer of the Consolidated Gas Company; H. P. McGowan, secretary of the New York Edison Company; W. F. Wells, vice-president and general manager of the Brooklyn Edison Company; and R. E. Livingston, of the Consolidated Gas Company.

The vast sale of war saving certificates in England, especially among the working people, is the best proof that all the elements of the nation are standing behind their government, according to H. Gordon Selfridge, the American born owner of London's biggest department store, who is stopping at the Baltimore. He said he had no doubt that America would outdo England's splendid effort in buying the stamps to help their government win the war.

No Jury of Women Would Have Convicted Chapman, Says Mother

Declares 16-Year-Old Son Found Guilty of Murder Should
Not Have Been Judged by Same Standards
as an Adult

"If women judges sat on cases affecting minors, as they are sure to do in a few years, my boy would not have been found guilty," said Mrs. Louise Barenburg, mother of sixteen-year-old Paul Chapman, yesterday, at her Brooklyn home. Mrs. Barenburg was suffering from the shock of Friday's verdict of murder in the first degree brought in against her son.

"This is a sad time for women to live in," she declared. "Many of us have to work to support ourselves and our children under the same conditions as men; and yet we have not the power to make laws affecting ourselves and our children. But the day is not far distant when we will all have a voice, and then such a thing as judging an undeveloped boy, incapable of seeing clearly, by the same standard as we judge an adult will be unthinkable in a court of law."

Paul, it will be remembered, was regarded by the District Attorney as in full possession of his reasoning faculties, and to look at him casually one would agree with the District Attorney. Although only sixteen years of age, Paul's physique is that of a grown man.

My boy, Paul, his mother continued, "grew physically out of all proportion to his mentality. His body developed at the expense of his brain. This fact a woman judge and jury would have appreciated, but they didn't. They were too busy with the psychology of girls and boys. Paul was an affectionate boy who was full of fun and easily influenced. He needed a mother's care all the time. This I was unable to give him."

"You see, I married very young—I am forty now—and for ten years I was a widow with two sons, both of whom I supported by working as sales-woman in department stores. My first husband died of consumption after a dreadful illness. Then Harry, my eldest boy—he would be twenty-one now—died, and Paul was all I had left. Every morning at a quarter past 7 I had to leave him alone in order to be at thirty-fourth Street by 8 o'clock. He was then, alone all day except when he was in school, for it was long after dark when I was able to return to him from work. If I had had him with me all the time I might have saved him from this. Some children get along all right with a mother on 'part time,' but Paul needed me."

"I would rather have been the one found dying at the bottom of the elevator shaft than to have him come to this. I do not believe the extreme penalty will be inflicted, as he did not do the killing, but, however, he is punished. He will be sent to the reformatory. He did not want me to see him in jail, so I did not visit him there. But when I saw him in the afternoon he said, 'Mother, I didn't do it. I didn't kill any one.' And I said, 'No matter what any one may think, I shall always believe in you and love you.' I know that was a comfort to him, he felt so alone."

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Swann Demands Landlord Evict Gambler Tenant

Prosecutor Sends Warning
to Owner of House at
108 East 17th Street

More Raids Planned

"Tips" of Card Sharps' Ring
Involve Names of Several
Enemy Aliens

District Attorney Swann announced last night that he was ready to proceed against the owner of the house at 108 East Seventeenth Street, which has been the home for years of the Central Merchants' Club, an alleged gambling resort, controlled by Sigmund (Beansy) Rosenfeld. Inspector Dan Costigan raided the place Friday night and arrested four of the attaches of the club.

Police records show that Mrs. Felicia Tucker, wife of Frank Tucker, vice-president of the Provident Loan Society, is the owner. The place is leased to Mrs. Ernestine Vergnolle, who sublets the basement and parlor floor to the club. The District Attorney sent the following letter to Mrs. Tucker yesterday:

It seems wholly unnecessary for me to notify you that the premises at 108 East Seventeenth Street, said to be owned by you, have for two years past been used as a gambling house. This fact has been so notorious that it would seem impossible that you had no knowledge of it.

You will now take notice, under Section 974 of the penal law, to abate this public nuisance by removing the tenants of the said premises without delay.

Managers Arraigned
Carl Heyman, the cigar stand operator in the club; Louis Heyman, the steward; Charles Schienger and Jesse Mann, members of the "board of governors," who were arrested in the raid on warrants issued by Judge Wadhams in General Sessions, were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Ten Eyck in the Tombs court on a charge of keeping a gambling house. They were held in \$1,500 bail for examination.

"If these defendants waive examination I shall be ready to try them in Special Sessions in ten days," said District Attorney Swann.

The prosecutor would not discuss the identity of the witnesses who will give corroborated evidence against the defendants. It was learned, however, that at least one of the high officials of the Central Merchants' Club has decided to turn state's evidence.

It was also learned that the fate of Rosenfeld's organization will be visited upon many others before Judge Wadhams's John Doe inquiry is ended. Evidence in the form of anonymous tips from hotel employees is coming to the prosecutor daily of the operations of a ring of professional gamblers, who

make the rounds of some of the best known hotels in the vicinity of Fifth Avenue.

Alien Enemies Figure
The names of several alien enemies figure in these tips, and subpoenas may be served on them soon asking them to take the stand before Judge Wadhams.

"They are professional card 'sharks,' and stories are coming to me by the dozens daily of well-to-do business men who have been fleeced by their tricks and devices. The only trouble is that these victims would rather lose all their money and their right arms than to have their names made public. They say to take the stand would ruin their careers," said Mr. Swann.

German Butler Arrested
MONTECLAIR, N. J., Feb. 9.—A light in the supposedly vacant home of Louis R. Potthoff, at 178 North Mountain Avenue, here early this morning caused the police to investigate. They found William Hohenhurst, a German, who formerly had been employed by Mr. Potthoff as a butler. The prisoner was equipped with a revolver, a blackjack and a chain.

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